

INVOCATION PRAYER OF AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES at

CEBU DIALOGUE ON REGIONAL INTERFAITH COOPERATION FOR PEACE  
DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN DIGNITY (2006)

**All:** Gracious G-d, we praise you for our country, Australia

**Indigenous:** a wide brown land of desert and tropical rainforests, of snowy mountains  
and long yellow beaches

**Christian:** our land reflects the marvels and diversity of Your creation

**Hindu:** Your spirit permeates the land

**Christian, Buddhist and Jewish** (together): from the Dreamtime, with the Indigenous  
Australians, to our multi-cultural, multi-faith nation of the present day, Your spirit has  
always been with the people

**Christian, Jewish, Muslim** (together): We have come together as Australians of diverse  
backgrounds and faiths, from the original people of the land and from those who have  
come across the sea in more recent times

**Christian:** to learn form each other and to listen

**Christian:** to engage in conversation and to share

**All:** We pray that our spirits may be united in that purpose  
[We pray (our G-d) that we meet in mutual respect]

**Indigenous** )  
**Hindu** )  
**Muslim** ) a one-line prayer in one's own tongue  
**Jewish** )  
**Buddhist** )  
**English speakers together** )

**All:** We are honoured to represent our nation  
We are honoured to represent the many peoples that comprise our nation  
We are honoured to represent our faith communities  
And we give You thanks, Almighty G-d.